for Penicillin at Hindustan Antibiotics Limited have been received and if so, what are their details;

(b) when was each proposal received, what are the financial implications and why decision on these proposals have not been taken by the HAL or Government;

(c) whether acceptance of these proposals would lead to improvement in the profitability of HAL and if so, what are the projections of profitability; and

(d) whether it is a fact that delay in acceptance of the proposals is leading to increased imports and higher outgo of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) A formual proposal for collaboration has been received by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited on the 31st January, 1994. A detailed evaluation is to be made by the company.

Bombay High Court's direction for recovery into DPEA

3036. PROF. I. G. SANADI:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the direction of the Bombay High Court in the matter of recovery of over Rs. 100 crores into the Drug Price Equalisation Account;

(b) when was this direction given and when it was complied with;

(c) what is the present position and why the Ministry has not gone back to the Bombay High Court;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a high level involvement in stalling the recovery in this manner; and

(e) what steps are being taken to expedite the recovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a), (b), (c) and (e) Against the notices issued to various drug companies regarding recoveries into Drug Price Equaisation Account (DPEA), 9 companies have filed writ petitions in the Bombay High Court which gave certain directions in 8 cases. As a result of which some recoveries/bank guarantees have been obtained. The pending writ petition filed by a drug company in Bombay High Court is being pursued.

(d) No, Sir.

Price of Chlorpheniramine Maleate

3037. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the price for Chlorpheniramine Maleate notified at Rs. 747.37 per Kg and whether it is a fact that BICP started recognising price of Rs. 1100 per Kg in the formulations Rs. if so, since when;

(b) how was the notified price ignored and high market price was adopted and what is the justification in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry and BICP failed to adopt the lower market price for Ampicillin Sodium, Renitidine, Metronidazole, Furazolidone, Trimethoprim and certain other drugs;

(d) if so, what is the market price of each and at what price Government has fixed prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that large houses are involved in the production of the formulations based on these drugs and that they have given agencies and other inducements to the Officers of the Ministry and the BICP; and

(f) why has the principal not been followed consistently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The price of bulk drug Chlorpheneramine Maleate was notified as Rs. 747.37/Kg on 6-1-81, which is being adopted by the Government for the pricing of formulations.

(c) to (f) Market prices of bulk drugs are dependent on a variety of commercial factors. However, in whichever cases the difference in the market price and notified price is substantial for a considerable length if time, the necessary corrective measures are initiated.

High prices of Ranitidine

3038. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3036 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact tha. most of the producers of Ranitidine have supplied drugs at a price varying from Rs. 1400/ Kg. to Rs. 1800 per Kg. during the last three years, including the current year:

(b) why the formulation prices are continuing to be based on Rs. 4396 per Kg. and consumer is being made to pay more than double the price for the formulations;

(c) whether it is a fact that, systematically under the guise of price control, producers have been benefited at the cost of the consumers;

(d) who is responsible for such a state of affairs and what steps have been taken to fix the responsibility; and

(e) what are the other drugs where such a situation is continuing and why has the Ministry not acted in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) As stated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 3036 answered on 23-12-1993, BICP has initiated cost-cum-technical study of the Bulk drug Ranitidine after the expiry of period exempt from price control for the major producers of this bulk drug. The bulk drug price for the indigenous production will be notified in the near future. on the basis of report of BICP.

Sale of price control medicine at higher prices

3039. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of companies are either selling price control medicines at higher prices than the notified prices or prices fixed by Government;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies and of the products which have come to notice of the Ministry;

(c) what is the fixed price or notified price and what price is being charged by each;

(d) whether it is a also a fact that a number of companies are also selling scheduled II products without price approval. if so, what are the names of such products and names of companies; and

(e) whether the Ministry has taken any action against any company under the Essential Commodities Act; if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) To the extent information is available. the prices fixed by the Government under the DPCO 1987 are by and large followed by the manufacturers. Whenever cases, where the concerned manufacturers have either not taken the price approval or not followed the price fixed by the Government come to the notice. necessary action is taken by the State Governments under the provisions of the DPCO 1987 issued under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Normative price fixation

3040. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether normative price fixation and enomalies in policies are giving rise